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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. IT IS RARE INDEED FOR USIS AUSTRALIA TO HAVE THREE PROGRAM SPEAKERS ON THE CIRCUIT SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT THIS WEEK WE HAD THREE (FOUR, REALLY) NOT ONLY BEING PROGRAMMED BUT ALL PROGRAMMED MOST EFFECTIVELY. VOLSPKR RITA HAUSER WAS SUPERB, AS WAS HUSBAND GUSTAVE HAUSER, WHO COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS VOLSPKR WITHOUT REMUNERATION. VOLSPKR ECONOMIST HARRY JOHNSON WAS SUPERB. VOLSPKR ANNE KRUEGER, PERHAPS NOT SUPERB BUT NONETHELESS VERY, VERY GOOD. THE DETAILS:

RITA HAUSER PROGRAMMED IN CANBERRA, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE. IN CANBERRA SHE LED 2 1/2 HOUR SEMINAR ON "WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS." OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE 25 WOMEN LEADERS FROM GOVERNMENT, MEDIA, ACADEMIA. HAUSER PRESENTED BALANCED ASSESSMENT PROGRESS OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENT LAST 10-15 YEARS, INCLUDING CRITICISMS DIRECTED AT EXTREMISTS. THESIS THAT MAJOR PROBLEM FACING MOVEMENT IS WHAT HAPPENS TO FAMILY PROVOKED SPIRITED, HEATED DISCUSSION OF U.S. VA AUSTRALIAN AND OTHER EXPERIENCES. POINTS

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DEFINITELY SCORED BY USIS FOR PRESENTING SPEAKER

WILLING CRITICIZE CONSTRUCTIVELY. HAUSER PROVIDED
OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF PROGRAM OBJECTIVES 3 & 4.

PROFESSOR HARRY G. JOHNSON GAVE TWO SYDNEY PROGRAMS.
EVENING JULY 19 ADDRESSED SOLD OUT DINNER MEETING OF
ECONOMICS SOCIETY WENTWORTH HOTEL ON SUBJECT "WORLD
INFLATION - THE MODERN PHASE". JOHNSON WELL KNOWN TO
AUDIENCE OF ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT TYPES THRU REP-
UTATION AND PREVIOUS SYDNEY VISIT.
FOLLOWING DAY ADDRESSED CLOSED LUNCHEON MEETING AT RESERVE BANK.
JULY 20, SMALL GROUP DINNER WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR &
POLITICIANS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IN CANBERRA. ON
JULY 21. A.M. SESSIO WITH 40 OFFICIALS FROM PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE, OTHER GOVERNMENT BUREAUS, LUNCH
WITH 15 ECONOMISTS FROM A.N.U.,P.M. SESSION WITH 75
TREASURY OFFICIALS AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY
AUDITORIUM. EVENING "SELLOUT" DINNER/SPEECH/DISCUSSION
FOR 180 MEMBERS OF ECONOMICS SOCIETY AT NATIONAL PRESS
CLUB. IN ALL APPEARANCES, JOHNSON EMPHASIZED THE
LEAD THE U.S. IS TAKING IN BUILDING A STABLE ECONOMIC
ORDER, TACKLING INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE
ENDURING STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND ITS
CENTRAL ROLE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ORDER. A MOST
POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF ONE OF OUR MAJOR
OBJECTIVES.
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